Virginia Department Of Corrections Reorganized

A sweeping reorganization of the Virginia Department of Corrections, dresigned to improve service to the Commonwealth while resulting in personnel savings of more than half-million dollars a year, was announced today by Corrections Director Terrell Don Hutto.

The plan, effective September 1, will also give greater visibility to the agency's far-flung community services and field work, plus greater control over those activities, Hutto said.

The department's present five divisions will be replaced by five new divisions, each headed by an assistant director of the department.

Two new operating divisions --one for Community and Prevention Services and the other for Institutional Serviceds--will be divided into regions, each of which will be supervised by a regional administrato

Other divisions will be Program Development and Evaluation, Capital Outlay and Maintenance, and Finance. Certain administrative staff functions will be located in the Office of Director.

Hutto said that a new reduction of at least 50 positions would result from the creation of some new jobs and the elimination of others.

"Conservatively, I estimatee a savings to the taxpayers of $500,000 to $600,000 annually," Hutto declared.

The director stressed that no employees would be laid off immediately and that any whose jobs will be eliminated will have until March 1, 1979 to seek openings in the department or to obtain other employment. Many of the abolished positions can be absorbed.

Division heads will include Carlton B. Bolte, assistant director for Community and Prevention Services; Robert M. Landon, Assistant Director for Program Development and Evaluation.

The Office of The Director will be under the day-to-day management of Herbert A. Parr, executive assistant director for Administratrion.

These officials are at present Director of Probation and Parole Services, Director of Adult Services Director of Youth Services, and Director of ADministrative, respectively.

The posts of Assistant Director for Capital Outlay and Maintanence and Assistant Director for Finance will be advertised and filled later, as will most of the Regional Administrative positions, Hutto explained.

The Division of Community and Prevention Services wil bring together all services delivered by the department at the community level, both for adult and juvenile offenders. These include probation, parole, and aftercare, court services, community youth homers, and group care facilities;pre-release and work release programs, services to local jails, deliquency prevention, community rehabilitation centers, diversion, identificaion ane development of community resources and volunteer programs.

Administered by the Divison of Institutional Services will be the 11 major adult institutions, 27 field units for adults, and the six learning centers and Reception-Diagnostic Center for juveniles.

Each of these divisions will have five geographic regions, which generally will coincide with existing Judicial Circuit and other regional boundaries. In each region will be a Regional Administrator for Community and Prevention Services and a Regional Administrator for Institutional Service

In addition, Institutional Services will have a sixth non-geographic "region" including all state institutions for juveniles. The Regional Administrator for juvenile institutions will be Frank B. Bushop, currently assistant director for institutional services in the Division of Youth Services.

Each of the two operating divisions will have a central staff under the supervision of a chief of operations, which will provice those services most economically provided centrally while all other fucntions willbe administered regionally.

In the Division of Institutional Services, the central services will include classification and records, industrial enterprises, farming, medical administration and food service.

The the Division of Community and Prevention Services, the central services will include community facilities inspection, parole release, post release, interstate compact administration and reception review.

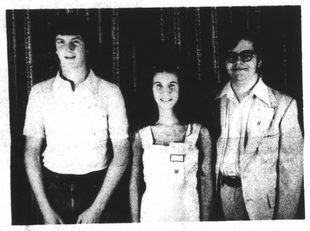
The Division of Program Development and Evaluation will embrace existing planning, program development, research, evaluation, statistical reporting, deprocessing and policy development functions now located in various divisions.

The Division of Capital Outlay and Maintenance will provide high-level cooperation and control to the department's extensive construction planning, architecture and engineering activities, contract and state forces construction, and maintenance.

The Divisio fo Finance will continue to provide accounting, budgeting, internal auditing, and other fiscal services to the department.

The Office of the Director will include Personnel and Training, certain management and support services, the internal investigation unit, the employee grievance officer, the ombudsman, legislative liasion and public information.

The national Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates the number of motorcyclists injured annually at more than 350,000.



Attended State 4-H Electric Congress

RICHMOND - Two 4-H members and one adult leader from Appomattox County attended the 28th State 4-H Electric Congress at the John Marshall Hotel. Approximately 175 delegates representing 56 Virginia cities and counties were present.

This year's theme was "Electricity . . . Power Perfect." The trip to state congress is made annually by 4-H'ers who have excelled in the 4-H electric project. The purpose of the congress is to honor and educate those top 4-H'ers in the field of electricity.

The Virginia 4-H electric program is conducted by Virginia Tech Extension Service in cooperation with 19 electric power companies and the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Attending the three-day congress from Appomattox County were David Caldwell, Philip Jacobs and Pam Moore.

Stanley Ragone, president of the Virginia Electric and Power Co. (VEPCO), was speaker at the Monday night banquet. District winners were named at the banquet.

Share-the-fun programs from several counties provided entertainment at each meal through the congress. The group toured historic Richmond, Busch Gardens, and the Surrey nuclear plant as part of their educational and entertaining activities.

New ACS Research Grants For Va. Medical Institutions

Four new American Cancer Society Research grants totalling $272,821 were awarded to Virginia medical institutions during the recent National Board of Directors meeting. A total of $11,853,604 in new research grants was approved for medical institutions across the nation.

Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in Richmond received two grants. One is in the Department of Surgery and Microbiology in the amount of $110,663 to support the study of "Macrophage Activation Tumor Cell Cytotoxicity" being conducted by Alan M. Kaplan, Ph.D. The second, in the amount of $62,386 in the Department of Physiology is for the study of "Prolactin Binding in Normal and Neoplastic Prostate" being conducted by Raphael J. Witorsch, Ph.D.

University of Virginia (U. Va.) in Charlottesville received two grants totalling $99,772. One is in the Microbiology for $43,031 to support the study of "Integration of Avain RNA Tumor Viruses" being conducted by J. Thomas Parsons, Ph.D. The other, in the same department for $56,741 supports the study of "Functions of Viral Glycoproteins and Membranes" being conducted by Robert R. Wagner, Ph.D.

Senior FHA Holds Planning Meeting

Cheryl Walton, Cheryl Elliott, Pam Taylor, Joan Williams, Mary Simpson and Jane Guill, shown above, met Friday of last week in a Future Homemakers of America planning session. These members of the Senior FHA were busy with plans for Fair Exhibits.

Charles Trent Arrives For Duty

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - Technical Sergeant Charles C. Trent, son of Mrs. Margaret Trent of Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va., has arrived for duty at Maimstrom AFB, Mont.

Sergeant Trent, a nuclear weapons technician with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, previously served at Ghedi AB, italy.

The sergeant is a 1960 graduate of Appomattox High School.

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Deaths involving motorcycle accidents reached a record 4,082 in 1977 following the repeal of helmet laws in 22 states, the U.S. Department of Transportation reports. In 1976, there were 3,312 motorcycle related highway deaths. During that same period motorcycle registrations increased only one percent.

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IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT AT ITS MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1978 AT 1:30 P.M. THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE, TO-WIT:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF TAXES ON PROPERTY OF CERTAIN ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS

SECTION —. PURPOSE

1.1. In accordance with Section 58-760.1 Code of Virginia as amended, the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County hereby deems those elderly persons, or permanently and totally disabled persons, who fall within the provisions of this ordinance to be bearing an extraordinary tax burden on the real estate defined herein in relation to their income and net worth.

SECTION 11. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Affidavit - shall mean the Real Estate Tax Exemption Affidavit.

County - shall mean the County of Appomattox, Virginia.

Board of Supervisors - shall mean the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner of Revenue - shall mean the Commissioner of Revenue of Appomattox County, Virginia, or any of his duly authorized deputies or agents.

Dwelling - shall mean the full-time residence of the person or persons claiming exemption.

Elderly - shall mean a person or persons not less than 65 years of age as of December 31 of the year prior to year exemption is requested.

Exemption - shall mean exemption from the Appomattox County Real Estate tax according to the provisions of this ordinance.

Fair Market Value - when applied to real estate, shall mean the assessed value, as shown on the records of the Commissioner of Revenue; when applied to personal property shall mean the actual value as appraised by the Commissioner of Revenue.

Head of Household - Person who provides primary source of income for the household.

Permanently and Totally Disabled - shall mean a person as described in Section 58-760.1 (e) of the Code of Virginia.

Property - shall mean real property.

Relative - shall mean any relation by blood or marriage.

Taxable Year - Shall mean the calendar year, from January 1 until December 31, for which exemption is claimed.

SECTION III. EXEMPTION OF TAXATION ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE.

3.1 Taxation of the dwelling owned by, and occupied as the sole dwelling of any person or persons who are elderly or permanently and totaliv disabled in accordance with the definitions cited above and, provided the Head of the Household occupying the dwelling and owning title or partial title thereto has been a resident of Appomattox County for at least one year prior to December 31st of the taxable year for which the request is made, is hereby exempted subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

3.1.1 That the total combined income during the immediately preceding calendar year from all sources of the owners of the dwelling living therein and of the owners' relatives living in the dwelling does not exceed Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00), or (lesser income if the Board desires), provided that the first Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000), or (lesser income if the Board desires), of income of each relative, other than spouse, of the owner or owners, who is living in the dwelling shall not be included in such total.

3.1.2 That the net combined financial worth of the owners and of the spouse of any owners shall not exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars. The net worth shall include equitable interest and shall be determined on December 31st of the calendar year immediately preceding the applciation for exemption.

3.1.3 The fair market value of the dwelling and the land not exceeding one acre upon which the dwelling is situated not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (County Board may specify a lower figure here) is excluded from the combined financial worth determined in Section 3.1.2 above.

3.2 The persons or person claiming such exemption shall file annually with the Commissioner of Revenue, an Affidavit setting forth the names of the related persons occupying such real estate: that the total combined net worth, including equitable interests and the combined income from all sources of the person or persons as specified in paragraph 3.1.1 above does not exceed the limits prescribed herein. Such Affidavit shall be filed not later than the first day of May and each succeeding calendar year. The Commissioner of Revenue shall also make such further inquiry of persons seeking such exemption, requiring answers under oath, as may be reasonably necessary to determine qualifications therefor as specified herein. The Commissioner of Revenue may, in addition, require the production of certified tax returns and any other records to establish the income or financial worth of any applicant for tax relief.

SECTION IV. GRANTING OF EXEMPTION

4.1 Such exemption may be granted by the Commissioner of Revenue for any year following the date that the head of the household occupying such dwelling and owning title or partial title thereto is certified as being elderly or permanently and totally disabled in accordance with Section 58-760. 1(a) (2) and (e) of the Code of Virginia as amended, which states, in part, "If such person is under sixty-five years of age, such form shall have attached thereto a certification by the Social Security Administration, or if such person is not eligible for social security, a sworn affidavit by two medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, to the effect that such person is permanently and totally disabled."

4.2 If the Commissioner of Revenue determines that the person or persons are qualified for an exemption, he shall so certify the same, and shall determine the percentage of exemption allowable and issue a list of persons eligible and the amount of the exemption determined to be applciable to the claimant's real estate tax liability. Such exemption shall apply only to the tax year for which issued.

4.3 The tax exemption shall be as shown on the following schedule:

TOTAL INCOME ALL SOURCES	TAX EXEMPTION
$0 through $0 $3,000	80%
More than $3,000 but less than $3,500	70%
More than $3,500 but less than $4,000	60%
More than $4,000 but less than $4,500	50%
More than $4,500 but less than $5,000	40%
More than $5,000 but less than $5,500	30%
More than $5,500 but less than $6,000	20%

Maximum Annual Exemption on any one property 200.00.

4.4 Changes in respect to income, financial worth, ownership of property or other factors occurring during the taxable year for which the affidavit mentioned above is filed and having the effect of exceeding or violating the limitaitons and/or conditions provided in this section shall be promptly reported to the Commissioner of Revenue by the applicant, and shall nullify any relief of real estate tax liability for the then current taxable year and the taxable year immediately following.

4.5 Exemption will be afforded in accordance with either the elderly or the permanently and totally disabled, but not both.

SECTION V. PENALTY AND VALIDITY

5.1 When any person or persons with intent to defraud shall make a false or incorrect application or affidavit for an exemption, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding $1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars), or confinement in jail for not exceeding twelve months, or both.

5.2 Should any section or provision of this ordiance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1 This ordinance shall apply to the taxable year 1979 and each year thereafter or until amended or repealed.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
/s/ S.R. Lawson, Chairman

Teste: Barbara R. Williams, Clerk

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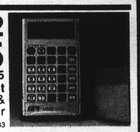

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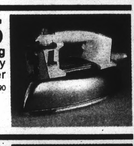

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